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BOARD OF MANAGERS, 1883-1884.

SOLON W. BUSH, *Pres.*

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“ GEORGE H. WYMAN.

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“ EDWIN TUFTS.

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ROXBURY HOME FOR CHILDREN AND AGED WOMEN,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 17, 1883.

THE year that has passed since our last annual report has been one of the most uneventful in the history of the Home, and has left us little to record of interest to the public. The two vacancies, occasioned by death during the latter part of the previous year, were early filled; and there have been a larger number than usual of applications for admission. The general health of the inmates has been good, though they have not been exempt from the weakness and infirmity incident to advanced age, one being prostrated for several months, requiring for a part of the time the care of a nurse and the watchful attention of our kind physician. She is so far restored as to be able to join the family at table, and unite with them in the Sunday service. Another has become a helpless paralytic, with no hope of even partial recovery. The different visiting committees have endeavored carefully to note the internal condition of the Home and to promote the comfort and contentment of its inmates, and report a general spirit of cheerfulness and a desire to be mutually helpful. Kind friends have ministered in various ways to their enjoyment, notably the Managers of the Christian Union, Mr. Jeremiah Plimpton, Mrs. F. J. Ward, and Mr. Willard White, who sent their carriages during the summer for drives about the suburbs. Rev. Mr. Waldron at Christmas time brought one of Prang's chromos for each inmate, with which they have adorned their rooms. Again,

with his friends of the Easter Mission, he brightened the morning hours of Easter by a service of song, and left tokens of the day to be treasured by the recipients. The Sunday services have been most acceptably provided for throughout the year by Mr. Bean, of the Board of Managers; and we heartily record our appreciation of his devotion and our thanks for the kindly interest with which clergymen and laymen have acceded to his request for their service, and also for the continued assistance of Mr. Nazro, Miss Libbey, Mrs. Bowles, and other ladies who have assisted in the musical part of the service. Mrs. Carson wishes us to express her heartfelt thanks to the kind ladies who have given her many hours and much comfort and pleasure in reading to her.

We would again make cordial recognition of the services of Dr. Streeter, and of his unwearying patience, and also of the attention of other physicians who have been in attendance by special request. We append a list of tangible indications of interest which have been seasonably sent or brought to the Home, and gratefully acknowledge the acquisition of several new subscribers; and we trust this is the beginning of a revival of the former public interest in this institution, the annual membership of which has been considerably depleted within a few years, though during that time liberal bequests have indicated a special appreciation of the beneficence of its work by several who have contributed to its support from its inception, and in departing left an enduring benediction. The latest legacy, which is just received, is from the estate of the late Lewis G. Pray of Roxbury, who bequeathed to the Home the sum of five hundred dollars.

When we review the early days of this work, and recall to mind its small beginning and the fact that it was begun without any definite financial prospects, and on the slight foundation of only eight hundred dollars, and see how results have confirmed the faith of its originators, and that many of them are permitted to see it established on a sure though comparatively small foundation, we feel that there is abun-

dant occasion for gratitude to the bountiful Providence that has accorded to it such a degree of prosperity.

The act of incorporation of 1856, entitled the holding of real estate of the value of twenty thousand dollars, and personal property to the extent of thirty thousand dollars. By the addition of recent bequests, the margin allowed for personal property has been reached ; and, if it should be thought wise to enlarge the work by adding to the capacity of the present building or by procuring one more fully adapted to the needs of the Home, an extension of real estate privilege would be necessitated. In accordance with the present and prospective requirement, a committee, consisting of Messrs. Bean, Bullard, and Hastings, was chosen by the Managers in the autumn to consider the expediency of petitioning the Legislature for an enlargement of privilege ; and the committee reported that, "if it was intended to be content with the present building and its limited accommodation, the Managers cannot expect a great amount of interest to be manifested by the public in its welfare ; but, if active measures are taken to meet the increasing demand for an extension of the usefulness of the Home, your committee are of the opinion that it would not be long before the way would be clear to erect a building every way worthy of this Christian charity. And, as a first step in the direction of progress, your committee would advise an early application to the Legislature for permission to hold an increased amount of property." In accordance with this recommendation, we have sought and obtained of the Legislature an enlargement of privileges by the repeal of Section 2 of the Act of Incorporation, and the substitution of the following Section 2 : "Said corporation may take and hold real estate not exceeding the value of seventy-five thousand dollars, and personal estate not exceeding in amount the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars." So that we now have the requisite authority for holding the means for doing a much larger work than our present accommodations will permit. As we have stated in previous reports, a considerable portion of our invested funds was donated for the support of free beds, so

we have not a large sum available for the enlargement of the Home, an extension of which would entail a consequent increase of current expenses; but past experience assures us that, if there is an ever-increasing demand for such refuge and comfort as a Home like this supplies, the substantial sympathy and generous co-operation of our community can be relied upon for assistance in its maintenance.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

INCOME.	EXPENSES.
Board of inmates, \$2,500.05	Wages and salaries, \$1,099.15
Subscriptions, 410.00	Incidentals, 647.91
Interest from investments, 2,307.92	Table supplies, 1,375.56
	Fuel and lights, 358.90
	Medicines, 35.96
	Advances to Matron, 99.97
Total income collected, <u>\$5,217.97</u>	Total expenses, <u>\$3,617.45</u>

Showing an excess of income above expenses for the year—a portion of which has been invested—to be \$1,600.52.

GEORGE E. BULLARD, *Treasurer.*

APRIL, 1883.

Schedule of Assets belonging to the Roxbury Home in hands of the Treasurer, April 1, 1883:—

	PAR VAL.	MARKET VAL.
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 4% Bonds,	\$7,000.00	\$5,845.00
New York & New England R.R. Co. 7% Bonds,	5,000.00	5,725.00
Boston & Maine R.R. Co. 7% Bonds,	1,000.00	1,220.00
Eastern R.R. Co. 6% Bonds,	2,000.00	2,240.00
Marion & McPherson R.R. Co. 7% Bonds,	1,000.00	1,120.00
Cowley, Sumner & Fort Smith 7% Bonds,	1,000.00	1,110.00
Burlington & Missouri River R.R. Co. in Nebraska, 6% Bonds,	600.00	678.00
Old Colony R.R. Co. 7% Bonds,	2,000.00	2,460.00
Columbia & Hocking Valley R.R. Co. 7% Bonds,	500.00	575.00
Kansas City, Fort Scott & Gulf R.R. Co. 7% Bonds,	1,000.00	1,110.00
Atlantic Mutual Ins. Co Scrip 6% Bonds,	3,400.00	3,434.00
United States of America 4% Bonds,	400.00	478.00
State of Massachusetts 5% Bonds,	1,000.00	1,150.00
City of Boston 5% Bonds,	1,000.00	1,180.00
City of Boston 4% Bonds,	3,800.00	3,940.00
Mortgage Note 6% Bonds,	1,000.00	1,000.00
Savings Bank Deposit,	1,080.80	1,100.00
Cash on hand and in Bank,	1,245.53	1,245.53
	<u>\$34,026.33</u>	<u>\$35,610.53</u>

GEORGE E. BULLARD, *Treasurer.*
JOHN KNEELAND, *Auditor.*

LIFE MEMBERS, \$50.00.

Mrs. Thomas Adams.	Miss Sarah M. Champney.
Mrs. Nathaniel J. Bowditch.	* Mrs. George Dove.
Miss Louisa B. Champney.	Henry S. Shaw.
* William Taylor.	

ANNUAL SUBSCRIBERS, \$3.00.

Amory, Miss Mary	Copeland, Mrs. C. F.
Appleton, Mrs. Mary G.	Cunningham, Mrs. Charles
Appleton, William C.	
Ayer, Adams	Davis, Miss Elizabeth
Ayer, Mrs. Adams	De Wolf, John L. (\$5.00)
	Dixwell, Mrs. John
Bacon, Augustus	
Bacon, William	Flint, John S. (\$5.00)
Balch, Miss Anne	Foster, Mrs. George E.
Bartlett, Miss Mary H.	
Bartlett, Miss Caroline	Greene, Mrs. Franklin
Bean, Aaron H.	Guild, Henry
Blanchard, Mrs. William	Guild, James
Boardman, Mrs. H. J. (\$5.00)	
Bradford, Mrs. C. F.	Haines, Miss A. M.
Brigham, Joseph L.	Harmon, Mrs. Ivory
Brigham, Miss Elizabeth D. (\$5.00)	Harrington, Mrs. E.
Brown, Atherton T.	Harrington, Miss I. D.
Bush, Rev. S. W.	Hastings, Frank H.
Bush, Mrs. T. D.	Hayden, Mrs. Isaac
	Hickling, Mrs. Charles
Caffray, Mrs. M. W.	Hinman, Mrs. George (\$5.00)
Clark, Miss Lois W.	Hodges, Mrs. Danforth C.
Clarke, Mrs. R. C.	Hollingsworth, Lyman
Clarke, John J.	Hollingsworth, Mrs. Lyman

* Deceased.

Homer, Mrs. T. J.
Howard, Miss Hepsie S.

Jackson, Mrs. A. C.

Kneeland, John

Leavitt, Miss E. W.
Leland, Mrs. William S.
Lowell, Miss Anna C.

Martin, Mrs. Henry A.
Milliken, Mrs. E. T.
Morrill, Mrs. Joseph
Munroe, Mrs. George H.

Nazro, Mrs. Fred H.
Nevers, Miss Lucy
Newell, Mrs. James M.

Osgood, Mrs. John F.
Osgood, John Felt
Otis, Miss Harriet B.

Parker, Mrs. Augustus
Parker, Mrs. J. Wells
Pettee, Mrs. Seth
Plimpton, Mrs. Jeremiah

Randall, Miss Belinda L. (\$5.00)
Reynolds, Mrs. William
Rice, Mrs. Edward E.
Rice, Mrs. George Woods

Rogers, John
Rogers, Miss Laura D.
Rogers, Miss Susan S.
Ropes, Joseph S.
Rupp, Mrs. D. C. M.

Sargent, Mrs. Epes
Shed, Mrs. Joseph G.
Simes, Mrs. William
Snow, Mrs. Salome H.
Stackpole, Mrs. R. M.
Stackpole, Reuben M.
Swett, Miss Ellen L.

Thacher, Miss Caroline B.
Thompson, Mrs. Augustus C.
Tilton, Mrs. Hubbard W.
Tolman, Mrs. James
Townsend, Miss Anna S.
Townsend, Mrs. E. B.
Tripp, Mrs. Lucina F.
Tucker, Mrs. Joseph W.

Ward, Mrs. Francis J.
Weld, Miss Susan
Wheelock, Mrs. J. Andrews
Wheelwright, Mrs. Josiah
White, Mrs. Henry
White, Miss Sara D. H.
Williams, Miss Mary
Williams, Mrs. Robert B.
Williams, Stephen
Wyman, Mrs. George H.

The following persons have officiated at the Sunday services :—

April 30.	Mr. Edmonds.	Nov. 5.	Rev. S. S. Matthews.
May 7.	Rev. Mr. Nightingale.	" 12.	Rev. S. U. Shearman.
" 14.	Rev. Mr. Reese.	" 19.	Rev. E. N. Packard.
" 21.	Mr. Kneeland.	" 26.	Rev. S. H. Hayes.
" 28.	Rev. Mr. Coleman.	Dec. 3.	Rev. J. F. Dutton.
June 4.	Mr. Cobb.	" 10.	E. S. Rousmaniere.
" 11.	Vesper service.	" 17.	Rev. I. H. Heywood.
" 18.	Mrs. Patterson.	" 24.	Rev. A. T. Dunn.
" 25.	Mr. Fletcher.	" 31.	Rev. J. Sallaway.
July 2.	Rev. Mr. Burnham.	Jan. 7.	C. S. Markland.
" 9.	Rev. W. H. Lyon.	" 14.	J. E. Maude.
" 16.	Rev. O. T. Walker.	" 21.	H. C. King.
" 23.	Mr. William Parkman.	" 28.	Rev. J. K. Smythe.
" 30.	Rev. C. D. Bradlee.	Feb. 4.	W. A. Wright and J. S. Hollingsford.
Aug. 6.	E. B. Reynolds.	" 11.	G. A. Phinney.
" 13.	Rev. E. R. Butler.	" 18.	W. A. Wright.
" 20.	Rev. George R. Wheelock.	" 25.	D. S. Porter.
" 27.	Rev. Thomas Timmins.	March 4.	Rev. D. M. Hornbeck.
Sept. 3.	Rev. W. I. Haven.	" 11.	Rev. V. A. Cooper.
" 10.	Dea. W. A. Holland.	" 18.	Rev. E. A. Horton.
" 17.	R. C. Humphreys.	" 25.	Rev. W. R. Campbell.
" 24.	Rev. W. H. Hinkley.	April 1.	Rev. R. Kidner.
Oct 1.	Rev. William Bradley.	" 8.	Rev. John Hood.
" 8.	Silas A. Potter.	" 15.	Rev. George L. Perin.
" 15.	Rev. James M. Gray.	" 22.	Aaron H. Bean.
" 22.	Rev. W. L. Lockwood.		
" 29.	Rev. I. W. Ballantine.		

DONATIONS.

Mrs. Wheelock: Cake.
 Fair at Mechanics' Institute: Cake.
 Mrs. Hayden: Oranges.
 Miss Howard: Oranges.
 Mrs. A. Parker: Strawberries.
 Rev. Mr. Savage: Flowers.
 Mrs. Tilton: Two cans of fruit.
 Mrs. Hinman: Oranges.
 Mrs. Isaac Hayden: Turkey for Thanksgiving.
 Mrs. A. Parker: Cranberries for Thanksgiving.
 Mrs. A. Parker: Jar of barberries.
 Mrs. Plimpton: Cake from Eliot Square Church.
 Mrs. Osgood: Candy, cake, etc.
 Rev. Mr. Waldron: Christmas cards from L. Prang.
 Mrs. Plimpton: Cake.
 Miss Nevers: Cake from Mt. Pleasant Church.
 Mrs. Osgood: Christmas cards.
 Mrs. Ward: Christmas cards.
 Miss Swett: Christmas, bottle of cologne for each inmate.
 Mrs. Wheelock: Christmas cards.
 Mrs. Ward: Basket of grapes.
 Mt. Pleasant Church: Flowers.
 Mrs. Plimpton: Cake.
 Mr. E. B. Reynolds: Flowers.
 Mrs. Harrington: Cake.
 Mr. Davenport: Roses, other flowers.
 Mrs. Bowers: Flowers.
 Mr. Davenport: Pears.
 Mrs. Robbins, of Acton: A barrel of apples.
 Mrs. Copeland: Fruit of various kinds.
 Miss Duty: Jar of currants.
 Mrs. Wyman: Cake.
 Mrs. Parker: Winter pears.
 Miss White: Birthday cake for each inmate.
 Miss White: Newspapers every Saturday.
 Miss Ware: Newspapers.
 Mr. S. G. Brooks: \$1.50 (receipted bill for repairing clock).
 Easter Card Mission: Easter cards and hymns.
 American Unitarian Association: "Christian Register."
 S. T. Cobb & Co.: Boston "Home Journal."
 Margaret Coffin, Prayer Book Society: Prayer Book.
 Aaron H. Bean: Guide-board for the Home.

INMATES.

	AGE
Miss Elizabeth Babcock,	79
Mrs. Amelia Ball,	82
Miss Bethia Burrill,	84
Miss Harriet Burrill,	77
Mrs. Eliza R. Carson,	66
Miss M. Louisa Crawley,	67
Miss Maria Davis,	80
Miss Sarah Fosberry,	79
Miss Elizabeth Frye,	72
Miss Harriet Hall,	82
Miss Mary Howard,	76
Mrs. Ann Huggins,	79
Miss Mary E. Lillie,	86
Miss Eliza Melcher,	80
Miss Sarah Seaverns,	76
Mrs. Sarah M. White,	61
Mrs. Charlotte M. Whipple,	81

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIX.

AN ACT

To Incorporate the Children's Home and Home for Aged Females in Roxbury.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

SECTION 1. James Ritchie, John Rogers, Charles K. Dillaway, and James Waldock, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Children's Home and Home for Aged Females in Roxbury, for the purpose of providing for destitute children and aged females, and affording a temporary home for the same, with all the powers and subject to all the duties and liabilities set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

SECT. 2. Said corporation may take and hold real estate not exceeding the value of twenty thousand dollars, and personal estate not exceeding the value of thirty thousand dollars, for the aforesaid charitable purposes.

SECT. 3. This Act shall take effect from and after its passage.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 29, 1856.

Passed to be enacted.

CHARLES A. PHELPS, *Speaker.*

IN SENATE, May 30, 1856.

Passed to be enacted.

ELIHU C. BAKER, *President.*

May 31, 1856.

Approved.

HENRY J. GARDNER.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, June 3, 1856.

A true copy.

Attest :

THOMAS DEWITT,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE.

AN ACT

Enabling the Roxbury Home for Children and Aged Women to hold
additional real and personal estate.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General
Court assembled, and by authority of the same, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section two of chapter two hundred and forty of the Acts of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-six, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Children's Home and Home for Aged Females in Roxbury" is repealed, and the following is substituted in place thereof: Said corporation may take and hold real estate not exceeding the value of seventy-five thousand dollars, and personal estate not exceeding the value of seventy-five thousand dollars, for the aforesaid charitable purposes.

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 12, 1883.

Passed to be enacted.

GEORGE A. MARDEN, *Speaker.*

IN SENATE, Feb. 14, 1883.

Passed to be enacted.

GEORGE G. CROCKER, *President.*

Feb. 15, 1883.

Approved.

BENJAMIN F. BUTLER.

SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT, March 1, 1883.

A true copy.

Attest:

HENRY B. PEIRCE.

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

BY-LAWS

ADOPTED APRIL 24, 1877.

ARTICLE I.

MEMBERS.

The corporation shall be composed of the persons named in the act, and of all such persons as shall have received, at any legal meeting of the Board of Managers, a majority of votes cast at such meeting, and shall pay such sum as shall be voted as the annual assessment. His membership shall continue only so long as he shall pay the annual assessment.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS.

The officers of the corporation, under the name of the "Board of Managers," shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Auditor, and twenty-five other persons, to be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting, and to hold their offices for one year and until others shall be chosen and qualified in their stead.

ARTICLE III.

MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of the corporation shall be holden on the fourth Tuesday of April; and the Board of Managers may call special meetings of the corporation whenever in their opinion expedient or desirable, and it shall be their duty to call them whenever requested in writing so to do by twenty members. Notice of the time and place of meeting may be given in one or more newspapers published in the city at least four days previous to the meeting.

A regular meeting of the Board of Managers shall be held on the third Tuesday of every month, at such place and hour as they shall direct; and special meetings may be called at any time by the President, Vice-President, or Committee for the month. Notices of such special meetings shall state the object for which they are called. Six members shall constitute a quorum. The Board are authorized to fill for the remainder of the current year all vacancies in the Board or in any of the other offices.

ARTICLE IV.

MANAGERS.

The Board of Managers shall have the entire government and control of the Home, and of the general business and property of the Association. They may choose committees from their own members to perform any special duties. They shall have full power to take any measures which they may deem expedient for encouraging subscriptions, donations, and bequests to the corporation; and they shall make an annual report to the corporation, of the Treasurer's accounts and on the general state of the Home, and give an abstract of their doings for the year.

ARTICLE V.

VISITING COMMITTEE.

There shall be a Committee of one or more from the Board of Managers for every month, whose duty it shall be to visit the Home at least once a week, ascertain all needs, make fitting suggestions, give orders for necessary purchases, and submit their report at the succeeding monthly meeting.

ARTICLE VI.

TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall have the charge and care of the finances, shall receive all moneys due, and shall pay all bills which have been approved by the Auditor. He shall render an account annually to the corporation and quarterly to the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE VII.

ADMISSION OF INMATES.

Preference shall be given to those applicants who are residents of that part of Boston formerly known as Roxbury.

ARTICLE VIII.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Any person who shall contribute the sum of \$50 may become a life member by a vote of the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE IX.

SECRETARY.

The Secretary shall notify and attend all meetings of the corporation and of the Board of Managers, and shall keep a distinct record of the doings of each.

